



**CITY COUNCIL
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
JOINT STUDY SESSION ON
WATER SUPPLY ISSUES**

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008

The Council of the City of San José convened at 9:03 a.m. in a Joint Study Session with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Board of Directors in the City Council Wing, Committee Rooms 118-120 at City Hall, San Jose, California, to discuss water supply issues.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chirco, Chu, Constant, Cortese, Liccardo, Oliverio, Pyle, Williams; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - Nguyen. (Excused)

Present: SCVWD Members - Estremera, Judge, Wilson, Zlotnick; Kamei.

Absent: SCVWD Members - Sanchez, Santos. (Excused)

Staff: City Manager Debra Figone, City Attorney Richard Doyle, Interim Assistant City Clerk Dennis Hawkins and Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

SVWD Staff: Chief Executive Officer Olga Martin Steele, District Counsel Debra Cauble and Clerk of the Board Lauren Keller.

Documents Filed: Joint memorandum from City Manager Debra Figone and SCVWD Chief Executive Officer Olga Martin Steele, dated April 10, 2008, providing information on the purpose and format of the study session and transmitting copies of the PowerPoint presentations and fact sheets.

Opening Remarks

Mayor Reed and SCVWD Chair Rosemary Kamei presented opening remarks.

City Manager Debra Figone provided an overview of the collaboration of the City and the SCVWD. Chief Executive Officer Olga Martin Steele introduced the topics of discussion scheduled for today.

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Council and District discussion followed each Staff presentation.

Presentation and Discussion of Water Supply Issues

Water Supply Outlook

Keith Whitman (SCVWD) summarized the short and long-term outlook for water supply.

Council Member Pyle arrived at 9:17 a.m. Council Member Liccardo arrived at 10:23 a.m.

Water conservation

Hossein Ashktorab (SCVWD) presented an overview of water conservation.

Vice Mayor Cortese left the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Expansion of the use of recycled water

Deputy Director of Environmental Services Mansour Nasser summarized the expansion of the use of recycled water.

Next Steps

Director of Environmental Services John Stufflebean summarized the joint study session and the next steps.

- (1) City of San José and SCVWD to work together to resolve issues with special interest to water supply.
- (2) Provide extensive public education with respect to water supply, conservation and recycling.
- (3) Focus on protecting the Delta (water supply) and the City of San José and SCVWD to advocate together to prepare for legislation and education, particularly factor in the climate stage issues that impact the Delta.
- (4) City of San José to participate more in the desalination process collaboratively with the SCVWD.
- (5) Focus on water conservation and recognize inherent energy savings to water.
- (6) Value of City policies and ordinances that could impact water conservation, i.e. the LEED certification program.
- (7) Explore ways to look at landscaping and how technology could be used to make landscaping more efficient.
- (8) City Staff to come forward to the Transportation and Environmental Committee in June with the water conservation plan.

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Next Steps (Cont'd.)

- (9) Move forward regarding the expansion of recycled water and increase public education.
- (10) Schedule the next Advisory Committee meeting as soon as possible.
- (11) City of San José and SCVWD to work together on the advanced recycled water treatment plant, to explore stream augmentation and indirect potable reuse. Focus more attention on the sources of salt and improve reduction of salt in commercial and residential areas.

Mayor Reed and City Manager Debra Figone concurred that the City of San José should compete more effectively for funds available through bond measures, i.e. recycling bond component and to pursue other models for controlling demands for water.

Mayor Reed adjourned the Joint Study Session at 11:27 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

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